

**Awareness of the emerging field of environmental health is growing as evidenced by support of environmental health projects, education, and legislation throughout the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have estimated that 16% of all preventable deaths in the United States can be attributed to environmental factors. Researchers at the World Health Organization (WHO) estimate that environmental factors may cause up to 33% of diseases worldwide.**

The First Annual NW Environmental Health Conference brings together healthcare professionals- physicians, nurses, naturopathic physicians and public health practitioners- to deepen our understanding of environmental health, build knowledge of tools and resources and create a foundation for institutional and public policies that protect the health of our patients, employees and community.

Leading scientists, researchers and healthcare professionals in the field of environmental health will stimulate robust dialogue on the impact of the environment on health and healthcare practices.

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Michael A. McGeehin, PhD, MSPH,**  
*Director, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

**Who should attend:** Healthcare providers, doctors, nurses, naturopathic practitioners, public health practitioners and students.

## Conference Registration

**Friday, Feb 6th: All Healthcare Professionals**

\$40 general admission  
\$50 Admission + CNE  
\$10 for parking, due at registration

**Saturday, Feb 7th : Students only**

\$20 General Admission  
Nursing Students Scholarships available

Your registration fee includes:

- Conference materials
- Coffee break-outs
- A healthy lunch!

**Web Registration**

**Friday: Professionals Day**

**Saturday: Student Day**

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**Event Location (Friday, Feb 6th)**

Oregon Health & Science University  
Biomedical Information Communication  
Center Gallery (BICC)  
3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Rd.  
Portland, Oregon

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**Event presented by:** Multnomah County Health Department, Oregon Center for Environmental Health, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility.

**With support from:** Collaborative on Health and the Environment Oregon Chapter, Health Care Without Harm, North American Hazardous Materials Management Association, Oregon Health & Science University, University of Oregon Climate Leadership Institute.

# Northwest Environmental Health Conference

**Bridging Research, Care  
and Policy**

**February 6th & 7th, 2009**  
8 am to 5 pm

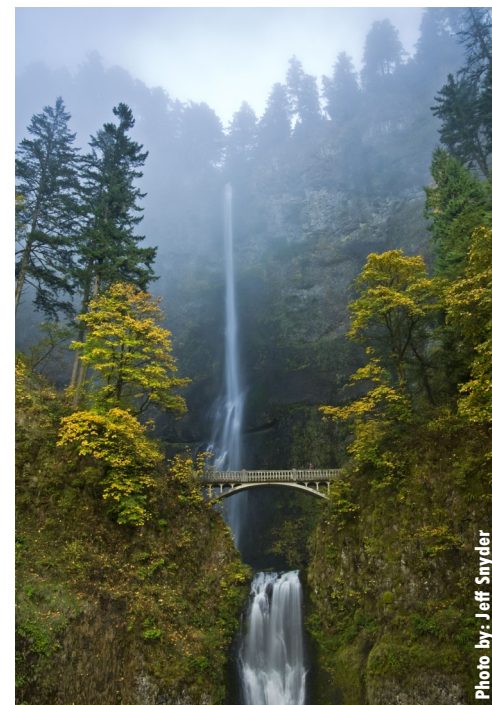


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Health Priorities Project**

# Friday Conference: Healthcare Professionals

## Continuing Education Credits Available:

- Registered EH CE (no charge)
- Naturopathic CE (no charge)
- Nursing CE (\$10)

## Agenda

- 8:00-9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15-9:45 **Keynote: Michael A. McGeehin, PhD, MSPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- 10:00-11:00 **Breakout Session A: Emerging Science and Research**

Track 1: Global Climate Change: Understanding local impacts and the implications for health and health-care, *Catherine Thomasson, MD, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility; Bob Doppelt, MS, University of Oregon, Climate Leadership*

Track 2: Prevention First: Examining environmental health research and how we educate, empower and inform our clients, *William Lambert, PhD, Oregon Health & Science University, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine*

Track 3: Impacts of Chemicals of Concern in the Healthcare Setting, *Richard Grady, MD, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center and University of Washington; Sheela Sathyanarayana, MD, MPH, Harborview Medical Center*

Track 4: Sustainable Food Systems: What is health-care's role in creating healthier, more sustainable food systems?, *David Wallinga, MD, MPA, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy*

- 11:15-12:15 **Breakout Session B: In Practice - Patient Care and Facility Management**

Track 1: Environmental Health Toolkits: Information and Resources for Patient Care Setting: **A)** Environmental Health Care Toolkit: Promoting Environmental Health and Justice in Alaska, *Sarah Petras and Colleen Keane, Alaska Community Action on Toxics; B)* Pediatric Toolkit, *Jenn Pompilio, MD, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility*

Track 2: Creating a Healthier Planet: Increasing patient's awareness of exposure to pesticides and the impact of their food choices: **A)** Pesticides and Health: Adverse impacts measurable at the cell biology level, *Kenneth Welker, MD; Joseph Morgan, MD; Roderick Capaldi, DPhil; Lisa Arkin, Oregon Toxics Alliance; B)* Our Food Choices, our Health, and the Health of our Planet: How are they connected?, *Erika Frank, MD, MPH, University of British Columbia*

Track 3: Environmental Public Health Tracking: A tool to keep patients and providers informed about the connection between pollutants and our health, *Nancy Goff, BS, MPH, Oregon Public Health Division; Mandy Green, BA, MPH, Oregon Public Health Division; Rebecca Thompson, MD, Oregon Health and Sciences University*

Track 4: Environmentally Preferred Purchasing: Understanding how purchasing decisions on items from medical devices to food, can create healthier environments for patients, staff and community: **A)** "Getting Started on Chemicals Policy Reform: Ten Steps to Choosing Safer Products and Chemicals at Your Institution", *Cheyenne Chapman, Health Care Without Harm; B)* Sustainable Food Procurement and Policies in Healthcare, *Emma Sirois, Oregon Center for Environmental Health*

- 12:30-1:30 **Lunch and Lunch Speaker**  
**Maria Gilson Sstrom, RN MSN PhD,**  
*Oregon Health & Science University, School of Nursing*  
**Lost in Translation: Ideas of Population Health Determinants in the American Policy Arena.**

- 1:45-2:45 **Breakout Session C: In Policy - Engaging in Policy to Support Environmental Health**

Track 1: Environmental Health & Energy Policy - Connecting Coal and Nuclear Energy with community health impacts and improved policy: **A)** Policy Options to Prevent New Coal Burning Power Plants, *Catherine Thomasson, MD, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility; Bill Burns, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility; B)* Childhood Leukemia & Nuclear Reactors, *Rudi H. Nussbaum, PhD, Portland State University*

Track 2: Environmental Justice: Understanding the practitioner's role in environmental health hazards in our affordable housing and businesses: **A)** Housing and Health, *Safina Koreishi, Multnomah County Health Department and Oregon Health & Science University; B)* Oregon Collaborative for Health Nail Salons, *Patricia Huback, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Joan Rothlein, PhD, Oregon Health & Science University; Launa Rae Mathews, School of Nursing, OHSU; Russell Frankel, Doctor of Chiropractic, MS, CIH, CSP, Oregon OSHA; Kraig Bohot, Oregon Health Licensing Agency*

Track 3: The Built Environment and Health: Examining the impacts of transportation, land use and other policies on our health: **A)** Health Impact Assessment of Columbia River Crossing, *Noelle Dobson, Community Health Partnership; Nancy Goff, MPH, Oregon Department of Human Services; Molly J. Haynes, MPH, RD, LD, Kaiser Permanente, Northwest Region; B)* Transportation Policy: Bicycle Boulevards, *Greg Raisman, Portland Office of Transportation*

Track 4: Chemical Policy Reform in Oregon and Washington: Developing a Bridge to a Healthier Future Chemical Policy Reform, *Renee Hackenmiller Paradis, PhD, MPH, Oregon Environmental Council; Dona Hippert, Oregon Toxics Alliance; Celeste Janssen, Oregon Center for Environmental Health; Maye Thompson, PhD, RN, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility*

- 2:45-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-3:45 **Community Session, Call to Action**
- 4:00-4:30 **Wrap up and Commitment Slide Show**

## Saturday Conference: Students

Day 2 will address the growing need for the education of students about environmental health topics at the global, community, and individual level.

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